

CITY-COUNTY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES

March 5, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

11:32 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Doyle, Melissa Lewis, and Dave Payne. Jane Kollmeyer, M.C. Beeby, and John Carter were excused. Dennis Peterson was absent.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

City commissioner Andres Haladay

County commissioner Andy Hunthausen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Marr, Amy Teegarden, Carol Kirkland, Carrie Severson

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

A quorum was not present.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

The February 5, 2014, minutes were tabled to the April meeting for lack of a quorum.

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT PRESENTATIONS - none

DISCUSSION ITEMS - Amy gave background on the designation of Centennial Park as a tobacco-free park and the intent to assess acceptance of the policy. The Health Department could ask additional survey questions assessing the success at Centennial to this point. Parks maintenance reported there seemed to be general acceptance of the policy at Centennial based on what they find at the park. There was consensus that a survey should be conducted. The Brewers have already put up tobacco-free signs at Kindrick-Legion Field. The golf course would not be included at this time. Stacy Sommer discussed the loss of the playground at Warren School if the bond passes because the expansion would take the ground. There are two potential areas available for the playground to be relocated. She asked for consensus to continue research on the feasibility of moving the playground, which she received. Amy suggested that some kind of master plan be considered.

PRESENTATIONS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS - Standing Item: proposed regional park district: Carrie reported the evaluation process is moving along, and Jefferson County has joined the process. June may be a target date for a report.

ACTION ITEMS - none

REPORTS

CITY - Amy reported on the Macy's partnership with the National Recreation and Parks Association for matching dollars to be donated to the city parks department during March. Macy's will match each dollar donated by shoppers for Centennial Park. She noted Liz Jones' hiring as recreation and aquatics program manager and thanked Jane for helping with interviews. Parks staff attended the Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association conference with the new state parks board under Fish, Wildlife and Parks. She reported staff is doing budget presentations to the city manager and asked to have an update on the May agenda.

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COUNTY - Carrie reported she will be presenting the county parks budget request and that Babe Ruth Baseball will be asking for additional funds for lawn mowing on top of the additional amount they got last year. Their budget request takes up about half of the county's parks budget.

HOLMAC - Amy reported the city, Forest Service, DNRC, and the fire department will be burning slash piles next week. Brad submitted a RAC grant for a permanent restroom on Mount Helena.

LINCOLN -

FAIR BOARD - Dave reported on the June ballot issue to fund the fairgrounds which would be reduced from the current levy but would be permanent. There will be two subcommittees to get out information on the levy and advocate a yes vote. Andy suggested having someone from the Fair Board make a presentation at the next meeting.

MAINTENANCE - Craig reported people are still skating, and maintenance staff continue snow and ice removal. Arborist interviews are being completed. A broken water valve at the pool will be repaired as will the dugout steps at Legion Field. Work continues on the bike park and the update of the tree ordinance.

PLAYABLE PLAYGROUND - Stacy reported the mother-daughter tea party sold out at 500.

BIKE HELENA - Pat reported the online trail map is live on bikehelena.com.

SCHOOL DISTRICT -

OTHER - Melissa reported the city received a \$500,000+ grant for ADA ramp compliance downtown.

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BOARD MEMBERS) Standing item: tobacco-free parks, county parks budget, Fair Board presentation

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: April 2, 2014

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ADJOURN - 12:38 P.M.

Carol Kirkland
Recorder